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POWDER EXPLOSION RESULTS FATALLY

While Carousing Match is Thrown Too
Near a Keg of Powder And
Three Are Killed.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 17.—One man is dead, two fatally injured and another has minor injuries as a result of the explosion of a keg of powder in a shack at Marris, Okla., twenty miles southwest of Muskogee, at 12:45 Thursday morning. A lighted match is supposed to have ignited the powder and caused the explosion.

Two men, Rail and Gaddis, were "keeping hatch" in a shack, and Carl Poage and Clara Vaughn, two town boys were visiting them. In one corner of the room was a keg of powder. The men were said to have been drinking, when one lighted a match to light his pipe. That match is said to have been dropped near the powder keg before it was extinguished and the explosion followed. None of the men are in a condition to give an account of the disaster.

Rail, who was sitting near the powder keg, was instantly killed, and parts of his body badly torn by the impact of the explosion. His clothing was badly burned. The two feet of Young Poage were blown off and Gaddis was buried against the side of the building with such force that his skull was fractured. Poage and Gaddis will die. Clara Vaughn, one of the boys, escaped with a few minor bruises.

The explosion was heard for blocks and awoke people in that part of the town. It was only by hard work of neighbors that the building was saved from fire.

A gruesome spectacle was two feet of Young Poage in different parts of the room while the body lay in the middle of the floor.

The Dead.
Fitz Rail, oil field worker.
The Injured.
Joe Gaddis, fractured skull, will die.
Carl Poage, two feet blown off, will die.
Clara Vaughn, minor injuries not serious.

SWANSON COUNTY WAR LIKE MEXICAN INSURRECTION

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 17.—The Swanson county "war" has deteriorated until now it is called merely a "hopeless tangle." A message received from Governor Lee Cruce yesterday states that Attorney General West had reversed his ruling on the case and holds no what Swanson is a county. W. A. Bashears, once refused recognition as sheriff of Swanson county and later acknowledged as such, while the county commissioners were held prisoners by him, had been notified, it is said, that he is sheriff of Swanson county, with full powers. The courts will have to untangle the case. The trial of the three deputy sheriffs charged with killing a farmhand employed by one of the county judges will be one of the court's jobs.

M'FARLAND AND MORAN TO MEET ON MARCH 14

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—Packey McFarland, the Chicago lightweight and Owen Moran, the English fighter, have agreed upon terms for a match at the Fairmount Club of New York on March 14.

McFarland has started to train. Aside from being about five pounds overweight, the Chicago lad says he is ready to enter the ring.

Election Inspector Arrested.
By Associated Press.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 17.—J. P. Talbott, an election inspector, was arrested today on a federal grand jury indictment, charging that under the "grandfather clause" he prevented a negro from voting.

DOESN'T SPECIFY TERMS TO WHICH CHINA MUST COMPLY

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The Novoe Vremya, discussing today, the announced purpose of Russia to make a military demonstration in Chinese Turkestan, describes the note presented at Peking, by Minister Koretovitz, as semultimatum, as it does not specify the terms within which China must comply with the demands of St. Petersburg. The paper adds that if the Chinese government fails to act before the lapse of a fortnight, the semultimatum will be amplified.

SEEK PREVENTION OF CATTLE TICKS

Farmers Institute Favors Cattle Dipping
Vats For Craig
County.

The Craig County Farmers Institute met in regular session at the Commercial Club rooms yesterday afternoon. Matters of general interest to the farmers were discussed at length, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved by the Craig County Farmers Institute in regular session assembled, that the county commissioners of Craig county be, and they hereby are respectfully requested to install dipping vats, and take such other necessary steps as may be recommended by the state board of agriculture, to rid Craig county of the cattle tick and place said county north of the quarantine line.

A committee of eight on membership was chosen, consisting of the following: Dan Tittle, A. M. Voyles, Tim Shanahan, William Herod, A. L. Churchill, Billy Friend, L. W. Marks, Captain G. S. White.

Saturday, March 4th, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Commercial Club rooms was then chosen as the time and place of the next meeting, and all members instructed to give all the publicity possible to the end that a large attendance may be secured, representing as nearly as may be very section of the county.

POLICE TO MAKE WAR ON VINITA'S STRAY DOGS

The accident of last Saturday when the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pfannkuche was bitten by a mad dog is causing a war on dogs in Vinita. The life of one little child is worth all the dogs in Oklahoma, and the police are determined to prevent, if possible, other children from being bitten, and have issued a notice that all dogs running at large must be kept up until the time for hydrophobia to develop has passed. Dog owners should not require a second notice, but should either chain their dogs or put them in a pen. The sentiment of the people is with the police in this war on stray canines.

Voted Against Annexation.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs today voted nine to one against the Bennett resolution for Canadian annexation negotiations with Great Britain.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REVIVES VINITA "BOOSTER" SPIRIT

The Commercial Club had a meeting last night which was a live one in every respect. There were only about a dozen members present, but they all belonged to the booster class, and letters read and interesting discussions revealed the facts that the Woodcock Manufacturing company is doing a good business which could be largely increased by a little extra capital; that Senator Porter is on his way home from France and will sign the railroad contract immediately on his return; that another railroad is projected in Arkansas which will connect with the Porter road at Siloam Springs and give Vinita access to Fort Smith, and that a Kansas City concern wishes to locate a live commercial college at Vinita and doesn't want the earth as the price of doing so.

The meeting was called to order at about 8:45 by President Dennis H. Wilson. There was considerable amusement when Secretary Deck read a letter from the Ideal Stove Works of Belleville, Ill., in which they said they had been informed that the Commercial Club had held a mass meeting and raised money to put them up a building. The secretary was delegated to break the news to them that they had been misinformed. Mr. Dalquest reported that the building and platform which the stove company desired could not be erected for less than \$4,000. After considerable discussion of buildings which might possibly be rented for the company, the whole question was referred to the manufacturers committee, with power to act.

Secretary Deck then read a letter from a Kansas City company which desired to locate a commercial college in Vinita. They asked neither a building nor a bonus, but simply that the Commercial Club assist them on getting quarters at a reasonable rental and in securing 75 pupils as a starter.

President Wilson commented on the reasonableness of the proposition. D. M. Marrs expressed his conviction that such an institution would be a splendid thing for the town and said

OKLAHOMA BANKERS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 17.—E. F. Blaise, former president of the Farmers' National bank at Tulsa, which failed about the time of the failure of the Columbia Bank & Trust company at Oklahoma City, was placed under arrest here yesterday and gave bond in the sum of \$5,000.

The indictment against Blaise charges misapplication of funds of the bank and making false reports to the nation bank examiners. There are two cases and the bond in each case was fixed at \$2,500. It is understood that there are other indictments in connection with the failure of this bank.

The indictment was the result of a year and five months of work in Tulsa and Bartlesville by two government accountants who traced every transaction of the banks while Norton and Blaise were in charge.

The same United States grand jury returned fourteen indictments against election officers who enforced the "grandfather clause" at the November election.

Late Thursday an indictment was returned by the federal grand jury against W. L. Norton, president of the Columbia Bank and Trust company, the institution which heavily failed in Oklahoma City something over a year ago and dragged down with it a chain of banks over the state.

In seven true bills, Norton is charged with making false reports to the comptroller of currency.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY IS AT WORK IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—An inquiry into the alleged vice syndicate, said to have governed Seattle for eleven months, was begun by the special grand jury today. A member of the syndicate is alleged to have made a full confession and turned over the books showing the payment of the "rake off" to the police for gambling and white slave business.

that the commercial college in Parsons, Kans., had had over 1,000 pupils enrolled during the past year.

The secretary was directed to continue correspondence with the commercial company.

Several matters of unfinished business were discussed, which it is desired to close up before it becomes necessary to get down to work on the railroad proposition, and the members present were appointed a committee, under the chairmanship of S. E. Wallen, to attend to these. Mr. Wallen appointed Charles B. Mitchell secretary of the committee and desires a meeting in Judge Gill's office Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All other members of the club are invited to attend. Plans will be discussed for reviving and re-organizing the club, and for taking full advantage of Vinita's splendid commercial opportunities. There will undoubtedly be something doing.

Curtis Alights on Water.

By Associated Press.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 17.—Using a hydro-aeroplane, Glenn Curtis alighted today on the water along side of the armored cruiser, Pennsylvania, and was hoisted aboard. Soon afterward the aeroplane dropped back into the water and the aviator flew away to Hangar, on North Island. The test was made to show the navy department that the hydro-aeroplane needs no platform on the ship's deck to make it practical.

UNIQUE CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION AT DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 17.—Perhaps the most unique gathering ever brought together in the southwest has assembled in this city and began sessions in the high school this afternoon at two o'clock. This is the first All-Southwestern Social Center Conference, called by Col. Frank P. Holland, president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Publishing company, from five states to discuss practical plans for opening school buildings at night in city and in country for the use of the public as social and educational centers. Educators and social workers from several estates are present.

Practical problems of neighborhood organization in rural communities, towns and cities; with especial emphasis upon the work of women and the needs of country women, constitute the work of the conference.

Geo. B. Dealey of this city and Clarence Ousley, president of the Texas conference for education, are joint chairmen with Col. Frank Holland, Charles W. Holman of Dallas is secretary.

Among the speakers who will address the conference this afternoon are: Edward J. Ward, originator of the social center idea for city communities, now with the University of Wisconsin; Miss Helen F. Barnes of New York City, national executive secretary of Y. W. C. A.; Miss Alice Emmert and Miss Lida Dougherty, county superintendents of Marion and Bee counties, respectively; County Superintendent J. A. Thomas of Hunt county; Professors A. Caswell Ellis and A. S. Blankenship of the University of Texas; Dr. J. H. Connell, president of Oklahoma A. & M. College; Professor Rufus J. Nelson, editor of Farm and Ranch; W. B. Yeary, president Texas Cotton Growers' Association; E. W. Kirkpatrick, president Texas Farmers' Congress; Hon. Hattin W. Sunmore; Judge Lee Young of Stephenville; W. F. Barnett of Van Aletyne; County Superintendent O. L. Albritton of Navarro county; O. F. Thomas of Abilene.

At the night session Professor Ward will give his illustrated lecture on social centers. Rev. Geo. Gilmour and Rev. Wm. H. Greenburg will discuss Dallas phases of the movement. Tom W. Larkin of Beaumont will lead the section devoted to extension work of organizations and institutions. Other speakers at the night session will be Mrs. S. J. Wright of Paris, president Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. J. H. Porter, president Texas Congress of Mothers; Professors H. Y. Benedict and C. M. Evans, respective heads of departments of extension in the University of Texas and the A. & M. College of Texas.

Committee Reports Hobson Bill.
By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The Hobson bill, to encourage the development of the American Merchant Marine and to promote commerce and national defense, was reported favorably to the house today by the committee on merchant marines.

TWO MEN ELECTROCUTED AT LAKE CITY MINNESOTA

By Associated Press.

Winona, Minn., Feb. 17.—Peter Gludt and son, Elmer, were electrocuted at Lake City, Minn., this morning. Young Gludt, a telephone lineman attempted to remove a twenty-two hundred volt age light wire that had fallen over a telephone wire in front of their home and started the bell to ringing. He received a shock that felled him. His father went to his aid and was also knocked senseless. Mrs. Gludt pulled both free from the wire, escaping injury herself. Both men died.

APPORTIONMENT BILL UP IN HOUSE

Authority Extended to Governor to
Employ Counsel to Defend All
Election Officers in Court.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 17.—The apportionment committee of the house and the senate yesterday reported the bills on the new senatorial and legislative districts, which, owing to the brief portion of the session remaining, will probably be given the right of way. Forty-five senatorial districts are provided for, all having one senator. Oklahoma county is divided into two districts. Under the past apportionment many districts had two senators.

The following are the counties in the proposed districts: Ottawa, Craig and Mayes; Cherokee and Sequoyah; Muskogee; Oklahoma and McIntosh; Pittsburg; Hughes and Coal; Haskell and Latimer; LeFlore; Atoka and Choctaw; Pushmataha and McCurtain; Carter and Love; Marshall and Johnston; Garvin and Murray; Bryan; Pontotoc and Seminole; Pottawatomie; Lincoln; Okmulgee and Wagoner; Creek and Payne; Tulsa; Rogers and Nowata; Noble and Pawnee; Osage and Washington; Garfield; Grant and Kay; Kingfisher and Canadian; Alfalfa and Major; Blaine and Dewey; Woods and Custer; Beckham, Roger Mills and Ellis; Caddo; Greer and Kiowa; Tillman and Swanson; Jackson and Harmon; Comanche; Stephens and Jefferson; Logan; Grady; Cleveland and McClain; Cimarron, Texas and Beaver; Oklahoma, two districts.

The house apportionment is made agreeable to the automatic provision of the state constitution and cuts the membership to eighty-seven.

Two representatives are allowed each for these counties: Bryan, Caddo, Garfield, Grady, LeFlore, Lincoln, Logan and Tulsa. Comanche, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie and Muskogee get three each and Oklahoma five. Harper and Beaver form one electoral district and Cimarron and Texas another with one member each.

The senate passed a concurrent resolution by Roddie extending the authority of the governor to employ special attorneys to defend all persons indicted by the federal courts for enforcement of the "grandfather clause" or who may hereafter be indicted. No limit was placed on the amount that may be expended for this purpose.

The senate public building committee killed the house bill increasing the duties of the state capitol commission by reporting it unfavorably and also killed the Cloonan bill to appropriate \$3,000,000 for a state capitol building.

The house passed finally the firearms bill through a compromise cutting out the prohibition against selling revolvers and kindred weapons but leaving in the bill the provision making it unlawful to display such weapons in show windows.

The senate recommended for passage in committee of the whole a bill appropriating \$191,000 for new buildings at the state A. and M. college at Stillwater.

Cleveland Has 1,310.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Statistics of the thirteenth census announced today include Cleveland, Okla., with a population of 1,310, in 1910, as against 211 in 1900.

RACE PREJUDICE FOUND IN NORTH

Idaho Senator Declares That North
Plays Hypocrite While South
Boldly Takes Stand.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—That prejudice against the negro is just as intense in the north as in the south and that the north plays the hypocrite in the conditions to the contrary, was boldly and bluntly asserted by Senator Borah of Idaho.

Borah's declaration regarding the negro was made at the close of a prolonged speech in opposition to the Sutherland amendment to the senate resolution, providing for the election of senators by a popular vote. The amendment would have the effect of giving congress the control of senatorial elections.

The Idaho senator's pronouncement on the race question was made in response to the recent assertion of Senator Root that without the Sutherland provision the resolution would deprive the southern negroes of federal protection in the exercise of franchise.

Borah dissented from the New York senator's view and in doing so he used the language which elicited congratulations from many senators.

Notwithstanding Borah's notice that he would ask the senate to sit today until a vote could be reached on the election resolution, the proceedings on that measure were confined to his own discussion of it. He succeeded, however, in getting a concession that the resolution should be taken up tomorrow after the disposition of routine business. The postponement was granted to accommodate a number of senators who still desire to speak on the subject.

Borah contended that as the resolutions stands, notwithstanding that it gives the state legislators control of senatorial elections, congress still would have the right to interfere in the protection of any citizen whose right of franchise had been interfered with.

He expressed deep regret that the race question was brought into the controversy and asserted that its introduction was intended only to imperil the resolutions. He began this portion of his address by paying his respects to the northern states.

"I wonder how long the north is going to play the hypocrite and the moral coward on this question?" he said.

"The northern states have exhibited the same reasons of prejudice shown elsewhere, as in the north we burn negroes at the stake and there, as in other sections, we have race wars. We push our negroes to the outer edge of the industrial world. We exhibit the same prejudices, the same weaknesses and the same intolerance in the southland."

DION AND SMITH WILL FIGHT AT SKATING RINK

Two fast ten round bouts are the card for Vinita fight fans at the Electric Park skating rink tonight. The principal bout will be between Logan Smith, a local lightweight and Kid Dion, the hero of numerous encounters at Joplin. Dion weighs 133 pounds. He is from St. Louis and has had three years experience in the squared circle. His record is:

Elmer Guan, Kansas City, knocked out in fourth round.

Tony Proffis, St. Louis, won in six rounds.

Fred Coyne, Philadelphia, won in ten rounds.

Birdlegs Collins (colored) won in ten rounds. Same in second fight, lost on foul.

Harry Trendall, St. Louis, six rounds, draw.

Kid Woodson, New Orleans, won in ten rounds.

He has been in training at Joplin and is in good condition. Dion is confident of victory although he regards Smith as a dangerous man.

Preaching Services at Plateau.

There will be preaching at the Plateau school house, at Hollow, Okla., on the second Sunday in March. Everybody come and have a good time praising God. REV. W. H. McCANN.

MILFORD-BERGER SHOE COMPANY.

Cut Price Shoe Sale

\$3.50 for Men's \$5 Shoes
\$3.00 for Men's \$4 and \$4.50 fine Shoes
\$2.50 for Men's \$3.50 Shoes
\$2.35 for Ladies \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes
\$1.85 for Men's \$2.50 Shoes

\$1.65 for Children's \$2.25 and \$2.50 Shoes
75c for Ladies \$1.25 House Slippers
65c for Children's \$1 Shoes
35c for Men's 50c Underwear
\$2.25 for any \$3 Hat in store